

LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Mr. and Mrs. A. Webber are moving in their new home at 716 James street.

Mrs. Millie Sours and children of Ashley were callers on friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Welch was a Saturday guest at the home of M. Urch.

Mrs. N. J. Lloyd is enjoying a visit with the home folks at West Chester, N. Y.

Miss Flora Thompson and Miss Lena Thompson left Wednesday for a week's visit at Fenwick.

Kenneth Hughes, the 5 year old boy orator who comes to the Empress theater Wednesday, July 3, afternoon and evening, has gained international fame as a public speaker and platform orator and has assisted in patriotic drives in many of the large cities. He has endorsements from the country's leading men and is claimed to be a real boy wonder. His efforts have increased funds for the Red Cross campaign, Liberty loan drives and Thrift stamp canvasses many thousands of dollars.

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Miss Blanche Chase of Chicago is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chase for a short time.

Miss Estella Brooks, who has been teaching the 6th grade, was a Grand Rapids visitor Friday.

Miss Stella Wilson, a teacher in the third grade, went to Ann Arbor Friday morning.

Should you desire a clean dry place to store household goods, see G. E. Wortley.—Adv.

Miss Irma Lewis returned to her home in Alma Friday. She has been visiting friends here since last Sunday.

Mrs. May Pickard and son, Gerald left for Milwaukee Friday morning. Gerald will spend the summer vacation on there. Next week they will take a boat trip on the Great Lakes, visiting Chicago, New Haven, Detroit and Toledo.

Mrs. L. O. Johnson of Chicago and Mrs. Chas. Lockwood returned home Friday after visiting with Mrs. O. Johnson.

Una Heins returned to Alpena Friday after spending a vacation here.

Wilson Peterman of Sidney, who has been here on a vacation, returned home Friday morning.

You will save money by buying wall paper this year. Large stock at Wortley & French's.—Adv.

In commenting on one of the acts at Ramona, Grand Rapids, this week, and which attraction will be at the Empress theater, Belding, Wednesday, July 3, afternoon and evening, the Grand Rapids Herald says: "Kenneth Hughes, who is only 5 years old, gives promise of being a second Daniel Webster. He presents a plan for the sale of Thrift stamps which makes one, who has not purchased any, feel like a traitor to his country. He sings exceptionally well his song, 'How Would You Like to Have a Little Boy Like Me,' is getting a big hand." Don't fail to see and hear this youthful wonder next Friday at the Empress.

Mrs. George Wagner and son, Richard, are visiting her people in Albion, New York.

Let us tell you how to avoid paying high prices for eggs next winter. Wortley & French.—Adv.

Don't fail to see and hear Kenneth Hughes, the 5 year old boy orator at the Empress Wednesday, July 3, as an added attraction to the regular photoplay, Olive Thomas in "Limousine Life."

E. E. SLYE, CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF.

I am a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primary election to be held August 27, 1918. If nominated and elected, I will give to the people of Ionia county a good, clean and business-like administration, and I solicit the support of the voters upon this kind of a platform.

Yours truly,
E. E. SLYE.
Ionia, Mich., May 27, 1918.—Adv.

BELDING BOY, WIRT RODES IS KILLED IN ACTION

GIVES LIFE ON ALTAR OF LIBERTY IN GREAT CAUSE OF ALLIED NATIONS.

Belding has hung out its first golden star for when a German bullet caught Wirt Rhodes in one of the front line trenches of France, it claimed the first Belding life that had been taken since the start of the war, in the trenches of France. Mr. Rhodes' death is the first one of the many Belding boys in the service to come as a direct effect of trench fighting, although John Anderson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Anderson, who live north and west of the city, was really the first local man to lose his life, when the destroyer, Jacob Jones, was sunk by an enemy submarine.

The first notice concerning Rhodes came to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes of Grattan, Friday, in the usual brief government telegram telling them that their son had been killed in action in France, May 27. So far only this bare announcement has been received from the war department.

Wirt Rhodes was 24 years of age and had lived for most of his life in Grattan township. In July of last year he enlisted at Grand Rapids and belonged to Co. M, 8th infantry. He was a model young man and without a doubt was a model soldier. He was devoted to his mother and on May 12, just 15 days before he shed his life's blood for his country's cause, he observed Mother's day by writing the following letter home to his mother:

Somewhere in France, May 1, 1918. Dear Mother: As this is the day set aside for Mothers' day I could not miss the chance of writing to you. I hope that this letter finds you in the best of health as it leaves me feeling fine and dandy. I suppose by the time this letter reaches you you will be living in the country.

Do you know that it has been a long time since I heard. Now mother, just as quick as I can I am going to change my allotment back to you by that time I will have given May about \$60 to buy clothes with and you may have the rest.

Well, I guess this is all for this time. With love to all, from your true son,
Pvt. Wirt Rhodes.

Co. M, 28th U. S. Inf., A. E. F., France.

Rhodes is survived besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes, formerly residents of this city, by three sisters, Mrs. Elmer Annable and Mrs. Glen Spicer living in Grattan and Mrs. Seymour Lyons of Six Lakes and also by two brothers, Elmer Rhodes of Ionia and Vern Rhodes of Grand Rapids.

A wife, who estranged herself from him also survives.

Funeral services will be held at the home of his parents, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

I suppose by the time you get this letter father will be through out to Phlo with his work. Has he got much work to do? I hope so.

I sent you \$15 the other day which you ought to get about the time you get this letter. You must tell pa that this letter is for him too as I am quite busy just at present but will write him the next one. It was rather misty this morning but the sun is out now and when the sun shines it is sure nice here.

I suppose you are having the nicest of weather back there now. Now, mother, with the money I sent you, I want you to have your picture taken and have nice ones for I will want one when I get back home. I suppose you get rather lonesome some times when you are alone.

AUTO-BICYCLE CRASH NEARLY TAKES A LIFE

ERNEST BAILEY IS SEVERELY CUT ABOUT HEAD AND FACE IN HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Ernest Bailey, the 19 year old son of L. A. Bailey, fireman at the Belding Basket Co. plant, came very near passing in his checks and floating off to the land of glory Tuesday night shortly after 6 o'clock when he, riding a bicycle, collided with a Ford automobile owned and driven by Alderman French Arnold, when the two were on their way home in opposite directions at the railroad crossing at the Pere Marquette depot.

Arnold, who runs a plumbing establishment on South Bridge street, had closed the place and was going home to his supper and was driving at a rate of speed, according to eye witnesses of the accident, estimated to be from 10 to 15 miles per hour. Bailey, who works in the basket factory was going home to his supper and was riding his bicycle at a fairly good rate of speed coming south on Bridge street. The man on the bicycle stood about the usual chance that a man in such a position usually does when attacking a Ford and the result was that after being thrown up against the windshield of the auto, Bailey's body dropped to the ground, from where it was picked up a second later on by a number of pedestrians who happened to be near.

The man was at first supposed to have been killed, but life was discovered and he was rushed to the Belding hospital where Dr. Dutt, assisted by Dr. Little, washed and dressed the wounds and made him as comfortable as possible. Bailey regained consciousness while on the way to the hospital and upon being taken care of it was discovered that his injuries were not as serious as was at first thought. At 10 o'clock that night he was removed from the hospital to his home and at this writing we have a report that he is fast regaining his health and strength.

The accident was really the fault of no one, as far as we have been able to ascertain from eye witnesses and a reporter for the Banner-News who was on the spot immediately after the accident happened could see no more than could others who viewed it—that it was just an accident, unfortunate indeed, but very fortunate in that the young man's injuries were nothing more than cuts and bruises and not as serious as it looked at first.

A family gathering of seven sons and two daughters took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Irish yesterday, the event being mostly in honor of the two brothers, John M. Irish of Engineers Corps, Camp Custer, and Wm. E. Irish of the Naval base quartet, both on furlough but who leave for Somewhere on their return to camp. The guests numbered 20. The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Essex of Grand Rapids, Miss Laura Irish of Allegan and Leonard R. Irish of Belding—Greenville Call, Monday, June 24.

W. S. S. SALES WILL HELP TO WIN THIS WAR

SOME PEOPLE BUY WILLINGLY OTHERS WHO CAN, DO NOT SALESMEN HARD AT WORK

The salesmen who are out selling war savings stamp pledges report that most of the people who are interviewed are very willing to invest in the baby bonds, as they think that they are mighty good investments and the sales are running along merrily and the city of Belding will undoubtedly pass the quota set for it, even though it may have seemed like a big mark to be attained. On the other hand there are a certain number of people who the salesmen claim are abundantly able to take out several hundred or a thousand dollars' worth of the stamps, who refused to buy.

The purchase of these stamps by the people of the nation is a great lift to the government in the matter of raising funds to carry on the war with and surely no person who has the means has a valid excuse to refrain from buying. The stamps are good as gold right in your fist—yes just a little bit better and they bear 4 per cent interest. There isn't a dead-sure investment that can beat them and it is discouraging to a committee of men who are donating their services in the patriotic work of selling stamps to the people, when they buck up against one of these tight-wadded Tories, who, either consciously or unconsciously gives aid and comfort to the enemy through the fact that he or she refuses to buy stamps.

The names of all people who refuse to buy war savings stamps, without a satisfactory reason for so doing must be reported by the solicitor who knows of the facts to the government state director for Michigan, who will later on make an investigation of the case and what will be done with these people, in case they are found able to buy and do not is a matter for the future to take care of.

The currency of the country—the money that changes hands for labor, goods and other deals, while in the possession of the people of the nation, belongs to the government and when the government needs this money to finance this war, it is going to get the cash and the best way to help is to help willingly, with a conscience full of that glorious feeling that you have done your part and will do all your part further to help in downing autocracy.

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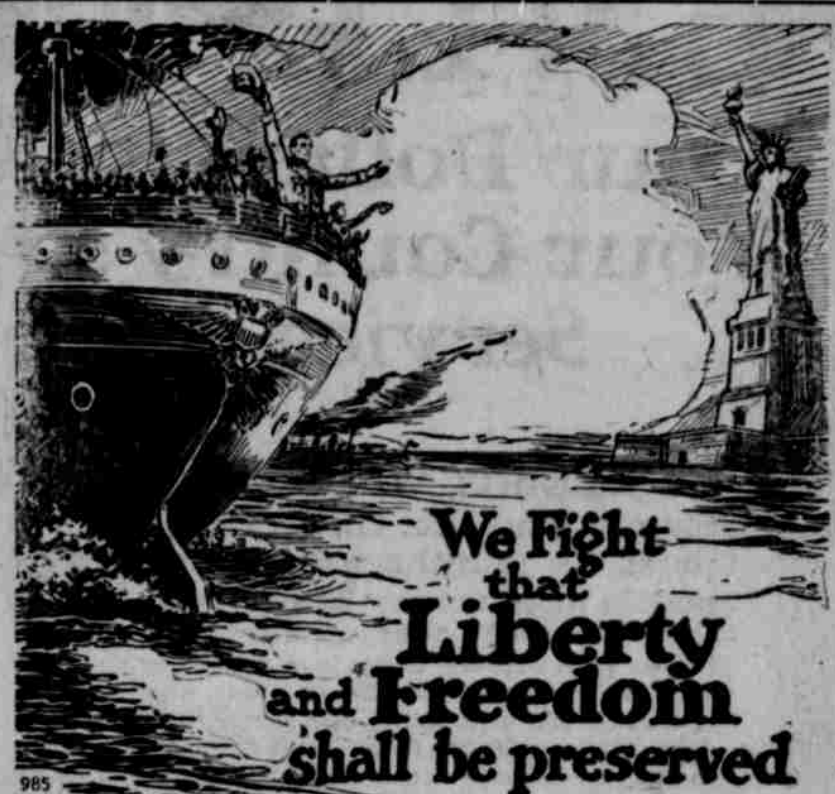
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Secretary of the Treasury

June 23, 1918

One of the drawbacks in filling the Ionia county quota of War Savings Stamps is the fact that no one person can take over \$1,000.00 worth of stamps. This means that there must be a very wide distribution if we expect to take the \$600,000.00 worth that have been allotted to this county. It is a great big task and if Ionia is not to fail this time, everyone must put forth an extraordinary effort. To this end a club has been organized in Ionia county in which everyone is a member who subscribes for \$1,000.00 worth of the stamps for \$1,000.00 worth of the stamps.

The following is a list of those who are members at this time:

National Bank	Ionia
Bank of Orleans	Orleans
Commercial Bank	Belding
Belding Savings Bank	Belding
Peoples Savings Bank	Belding
Ruel & Lobdell	Muir
Ruel & Upton	Lyons
State Savings Bank	Pewamo
Edwin Nash State Bank	Clarksville
The Bank of Hubbardston	Hubbardston
Webster State Savings Bank	Portland
Maynard-Allen State Bank	Portland
Farmers & Merchants Bank	Lake Odessa
Lake Odessa State Savings Bank	Lake Odessa
Palo Exchange Bank	Palo
Saranac State Bank	Saranac
Village of Pewamo	Pewamo
Ypsilanti Reed Furniture Co.	Ionia
Fred A. Chapman	Ionia
Fred W. Green	Ionia
Belding-Hall Co.	Belding
Alex. Robertson	Orleans
John Meade	Orleans
Fred Pitt	Orleans
State Savings Bank	Ionia
Farmers & Merchants Bank	Saranac
Thomas A. Carter	Ionia

If you have a neighbor who you think ought to be a member be sure and remind him or her of the existence of this important club.

We hope that there will be members in every township in Ionia county.

At this writing Orleans is leading all the townships in the number of members in this club.

If you desire to become a member, please send in your name to Fred W. Green, Ionia, Michigan, who is secretary of the club.